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Professor Joseph R. Sizoo  
Director of University Chapel  
The George Washington University  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Professor Sizoo:

Thank you very much for your letter of 17 October inviting me to speak at the George Washington University on 22 November.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to accept your kind invitation. As you can appreciate, I have quite a problem about my outside talks as my position here is a silent, rather than a speaking one. I try to limit my speaking engagements to a few appearances in various parts of the country and, unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this particular occasion is indeed appreciated.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

Stan Grogan recommends that you decline  
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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

October 17, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It was a very great joy to speak with you over the telephone yesterday. As I indicated to you, we observe at the University what we speak of as Religion In Life Week, and the faculty and students hope you may find it possible to be with us.

Religion In Life Week is perhaps the most significant week in the academic year. We give emphasis to the place of religion in contemporary society. We believe that education must have a point of reference outside of itself if it would build a permanent culture. We bring to the campus during Religion In Life Week some very distinguished leaders in various areas of life and thought to bear witness to these convictions. In the recent past we have had outstanding leaders such as General Alfred M. Gruenther, Admiral Lewis Strauss, Dr. Charles Malik, The Honorable R. S. S. Gunewardene, and many others participate in our program.

May we prevail upon you to accept an invitation to address one of our significant groups on the campus. Would you be willing to address a large group of several hundred students and their guests on Tuesday November 22 9:10 to 10:00 a.m. It is a class in Government of the United States in our Political Science Department. May I suggest for your topic, "Our National Purpose." If, however, that is not to your choosing, any topic that you would suggest would be agreeable to us. Perhaps you would be willing to speak for some thirty minutes allowing some time for questions from the students at the conclusion of your address.

I can assure you on behalf of the Acting President of the University, Dr. Oswald S. Colclough, the faculty, and students a most cordial welcome. Many students, faculty, and members of the University staff will covet this opportunity to hear you.

Because of my very high regard for you and because of my concern for this program, I trust it may be possible for you to accept this invitation.

With warm personal regards, believe me,

Always cordially,

Joseph R. Sizoo

Milbank Professor of Religion  
Director of University Chapel